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SPECIAL REPORT

## The top twenty FAILED classes at UTM

Wes Brasher  
Staff Writer

If you walked around the campus of UTM and asked students what subject they had the most difficulty with, chances are math would be a recurring subject.

While students possess different academic strengths and weaknesses, math seems to be a universal problem. According to the Office of Academic Records four of the top five failed classes at UTM are math courses.

“People have decided that it’s okay to be behind in math,” said Thomas Eskew, interim chair of the Math Department.

Attendance is also crucial to success in math.

“You must have the background from previous lessons or classes,” Eskew said. “If you did poorly in Math 140, then that’s a severe handicap for Math 160.”

With a math lab available to all students and teachers required to be in there offices for several hours each week, the university is doing its part to see that resources are available for this problem.

The most commonly failed of these math courses is 080, with a failure rate of 42.38 percent. A distant second would be Math 080 with a failure rate of 29.82 percent. Math 160 and Math 140 have failure rates of 25.17 and 19.05 percent respectively. Math 140 is the most commonly taken of the previously mentioned courses with a headcount of at least twice as much as the other failed courses.

“I wasn’t prepared for the material,” said UTM freshman Shawn Mutters, who failed to pass the course last fall. “I didn’t expect them to throw so much at us so quickly.”

Mutters however, said that he never used the lab or the university’s Supplemental Instruction program.

The fourth most failed course at UTM, Chemistry 121, has a pass rate of 21.89 percent. This course relies heavily on Math skills and, like Math, you build on previous lessons.

Free tutoring is available with an emphasis on all of these courses, but one of the most powerful resources would be the Supplemental Instruction program. Upperclassmen sit in on classes and then lead small tutoring sessions twice a week.

“In my experience, students who take advantage of supplemental instruction score half a point higher in their GPA,” said Dr. George Daniel, director of the Student Success Center. “But people are not taking advantage of this program like they should.”

### How hard are these classes?

Percentage represents student failure rate.

|     |          |        |
|-----|----------|--------|
| 1.  | MATH 070 | 42.38% |
| 2.  | MATH 080 | 29.82% |
| 3.  | MATH 160 | 25.17% |
| 4.  | CHEM 121 | 19.05% |
| 5.  | MATH 140 | 19.05% |
| 6.  | MATH 210 | 16.29% |
| 7.  | PHIL 110 | 16.15% |
| 8.  | ECON 202 | 16.03% |
| 9.  | ENGL 100 | 15.17% |
| 10. | GEOL 111 | 14.89% |
| 11. | ACCT 201 | 14.49% |
| 12. | SOC 201  | 13.62% |
| 13. | GEOG 151 | 12.61% |
| 14. | SOC 202  | 12.59% |
| 15. | PSYC 120 | 12.09% |
| 16. | HIST 202 | 11.86% |
| 17. | ENGL 112 | 11.33% |
| 18. | BIOL 110 | 11.25% |
| 19. | CSCI 201 | 11.23% |
| 20. | FIN 301  | 10.92% |

Source: UTM Records Office

“People have decided that it’s OK to be behind in math.”

— Thomas Eskew  
Interim Chair,  
Math Department

Academics in Focus

## Spring grade reports show improvement

Heather Roland  
Asst. News Editor

Both UTM Greek Life and the Athletics Department have worked hard in their respective areas this past semester; however, they have also worked diligently in the classroom.

The director of Greek Life, Louis Ragsdale, said, “The fraternities and sororities have done a great job in increasing their academic goals this past year.”

The sororities made the biggest improvement, increasing their all sorority average from 2.98 in fall 2004 to 3.05 in spring 2005. The all fraternity average was 2.69, an increase of .02 from fall 2004.

Chi Omega overcame Alpha Delta Pi this past semester in GPA standings to lead the sororities with a 3.33 chapter GPA. Alpha Delta Pi was not far behind, however, with a 3.13.

Alpha Omicron Pi followed with a 3.11.

Alpha Gamma Rho led the fraternities again this past semester with a 2.98 GPA. They were followed by Sigma Phi Epsilon with a 2.97 and Alpha Tau Omega with a 2.91.

While UTM student athletes had a .02 decrease in their cumulative GPA when compared to fall 2004, several teams made improvements, eight of the teams had an average GPA of 3.00 or higher and several of the student athletes made the Dean’s List this past semester.

The women’s cross country team led the Athletics Department for the spring 2005 semester with a 3.64 GPA. The women’s tennis team followed close behind with a 3.55, as well as the women’s basketball team with a 3.40.

Assistant Athletic Director for Compliance Col. Bill Kaler said, “They [UTM Athletics Department] have made a lot of improvements over the years in their athletics and in the classroom.” He added that they have been recruiting good academics as a whole and that he thought the Athletics Department could stack up against any group on campus.

### Spring 2005 By the Numbers

| Sport         | GPA  | Team  |
|---------------|------|-------|
| Cross Country | 3.64 | Women |
| Tennis        | 3.55 | Women |
| Basketball    | 3.40 | Women |
| Cross Country | 3.39 | Men   |
| Volleyball    | 3.35 | Women |
| Softball      | 3.27 | Women |
| Tennis        | 3.18 | Men   |
| Soccer        | 3.10 | Women |
| Rifle         | 2.92 | Coed  |
| Golf          | 2.86 | Men   |
| Baseball      | 2.72 | Men   |
| Rodeo         | 2.62 | Coed  |
| Cheerleading  | 2.43 | Coed  |
| Football      | 2.41 | Men   |
| Basketball    | 2.08 | Men   |

| Sorority          | GPA  | Council |
|-------------------|------|---------|
| Chi Omega         | 3.33 | PHC     |
| Alpha Delta Pi    | 3.13 | PHC     |
| Alpha Omicron Pi  | 3.11 | PHC     |
| Gamma Kappa Pi    | 3.08 | Ind.*   |
| — All Sorority    | 3.05 |         |
| Delta Sigma Theta | 3.01 | NPHC    |
| — All Female      | 2.86 |         |
| Zeta Tau Alpha    | 2.79 | PHC     |
| Alpha Kappa Alpha | 2.53 | NPHC    |
| Zeta Phi Beta     | 2.24 | NPHC    |

| Fraternity          | GPA  | Council |
|---------------------|------|---------|
| Alpha Gamma Rho     | 2.98 | IFC     |
| Sigma Phi Epsilon   | 2.97 | IFC     |
| Alpha Tau Omega     | 2.91 | IFC     |
| Sigma Chi           | 2.81 | IFC     |
| Pi Kappa Alpha      | 2.71 | IFC     |
| Kappa Alpha Order   | 2.70 | IFC     |
| — All Fraternity    | 2.69 |         |
| — All Male          | 2.60 |         |
| Phi Sigma Kappa     | 2.28 | IFC     |
| Sigma Alpha Epsilon | 2.06 | IFC     |
| Omega Psi Phi       | 2.04 | NPHC    |
| Kappa Alpha Psi     | 2.01 | NPHC    |
| Phi Beta Sigma      | 1.91 | NPHC    |

PHC - Panhellenic Council  
IFC - Interfraternity Council  
NPHC - National Panhellenic Council  
Ind. - Independent (Local Sorority)

Source: UTM Athletics Dept.,  
Office of Greek Life.

## Lottery scholarship introduces second chance for students

Elizabeth Watts  
Viewpoints Editor

Financial Aid

GPA falls below requirements.

“Students can repeat a class if they get a bad grade in hopes of bringing up their GPA. Another option is to work on your GPA until the next GPA checkpoint,” said Box.

However, replacing a bad grade or working on your GPA one-time only. Students must go by the Financial Aid Office and fill out the paperwork.

Tennessee established three new scholarships over the summer.

The Out-Of-State Return grant allows students who graduated from a Tennessee high school to return to an institution in Tennessee

— See ‘Lotto’ on Page 4

Students who receive a Tennessee Lottery Scholarship saw an increase in funds over the summer.

The Tennessee Lottery HOPE award increased by \$300, making the value \$3,300 instead of \$3,000. The Need-Based supplemental award increased by \$500, from \$1,000 to \$1,500. Also, The Wilder-Naifeh Technical Skills Grant increase by \$50, from \$1,250 to \$1,300.

“The Need-Based award is now called the ASPIRE award. However, the name will still be the same on Banner,” said Susan Box, Senior Administrative Service Assistant.

Students now have the opportunity to regain their Lottery Scholarship if their

## Chester to speak on ‘Generation Why’

Staff Reports

Eric Chester, a nationally recognized motivational speaker who is widely regarded as the premier expert on “Generation Why,” is the first speaker in the UTM Academic Speaker Series. He will speak at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 21, in the Student Life Center Alumni Gym.

On his Web site, Chester points out that “Generation Why” is a “broad term describing the 68 million individuals born between 1980-1994 (post Generation X).”

He also discusses how this generation never knew Mork, Manilow, or Milli Vanilli; ET, Mr. T, or McDLT’s; Jordache, Jaws, “Who Shot J.R.?” PacMan, mopeds, and 10-speed bikes, traditional “Leave it to Beaver” families and when every boy wanted

to be like OJ and every girl dreamed of being treated like the first lady.

“Eric Chester is a nationally known motivational speaker who offers cutting-edge insights, perspectives and strategies for educating and employing the next generation. We are very pleased to bring a speaker of Mr. Chester’s caliber to UTM to work with our students, faculty, staff and the community of Martin,” said Dr. George Daniel, director of the UTM Student Success Center.

Based in Colorado and with a master of arts degree from Northern Arizona University, he is the author of “Employing Generation



Chester

Academic Speakers

Why and Getting Them to Give a Damn.” He will be speaking on “The Power of Young Leaders.”

Chester’s appearance is sponsored by the Honors Programs, Student Success Center, Freshman Experience, Office of Student Life, Student Activities Council, Lead Academy and Title III.

The lecture will end with a brief question-and-answer period. A reception will follow the lecture.

The Academic Speaker Series annually brings distinguished scholars, writers and performers to the UT Martin campus. All lectures are free and open to the public.

For more information, contact Dr. Dan McDonough at [danmc@utm.edu](mailto:danmc@utm.edu) or 731-881-7436.



Our View

Editorial: UTM rises to aid those in need

In the face of tragedy, many ask why or how something like the pain and suffering along our Gulf Coast could have happened.

Others ask, "How can I help?"

A group composed of representatives from Housing, Sodexho Dining Services, Public Safety, greek organizations and a host of other student groups met this past Thursday afternoon to distribute collection jars and talk about ways to raise money for the relief efforts.

Their goal is to raise \$30,000 for the American Red Cross's Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund. If every UTM student and faculty donates \$3 or \$4, they will exceed their goal.

We applaud the efforts of UTM students to help those in need. The epicen-

ter of this catastrophe sits more than 550 miles away. But your compassion has reached there in record time. Thank you.

There is still much to be done in this time of need.

At 6:30 p.m. today in Watkins Auditorium,

the Office of Minority Affairs is hosting a forum called "Aid to Katrina Victims: How We Can Help."

We encourage all who can to attend.

Even if you have not done anything so far, there are still numerous ways to help.

Donating to the American Red Cross, giving blood or volunteering at local relief centers are just a few.

This week, find time out of your busy day to lend a hand to those in need.

Under other circumstances, it could very well be us.

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Letters to the Editor

Idea for hurricane relief efforts

The chancellor should let some of the hurricane evacuees use the empty chancellor's residence to help ease the burden until they find more suitable housing.

Since the chancellor's residence is already furnished and maintained he should have no problem letting the survivors take up residence there.

Not only would it be a nice gesture, but it would make news and help fundraising efforts for the hurricane relief.

Courtney Sowell  
Communications  
Martin

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All submissions will be edited for grammar, spelling and brevity. Publication preference will be given to letters of less than 250 words. Unsigned letters will not be published.

— The Pacer

Five years since ouster of top officials

As a point of historical fact, it was 5 years ago this month that Jim Byford made a courageous stand that significantly altered the course of our beloved university for the better. I wanted to take a moment to once again say "thank you" to one who has given heart and soul to UTM, and continues to exemplify all that makes this campus a great place to learn, teach, and work.

For those among the student body who do not know (since most or all of the students from that time have graduated), we were previously under the very problematic leadership of Chancellor Philip Conn and Vice-Chancellor Christopher Chalokwu, which Byford described as being "uncooperative" and "reprehensible". During the tenure of Conn and Chalokwu, every dean (except Byford) left the university, along with 25% of



Larry Holder  
Guest  
Columnist

other faculty.

In response to the situation, Dr. Byford put his job on the line, calling for the resignations of Conn and Chalokwu in an open letter sent on Wednesday, September 6, 2000. This was followed by a rally in the quadrangle in front of the Administration Building on Friday, September 8, 2000, attended by numerous faculty, students, and the media. While Conn and Chalokwu initially insisted that they did not plan on resigning, little more than a week later, Conn was "reassigned" to a position at Knoxville on Monday, September 18, 2000. Chalokwu's exit followed likewise.

We came close to losing the heart and soul of UT Martin, under the tactics of those who would lead by fear and lack of understanding of what this campus is really all about. Today, we can all too easily take for granted the excellent leadership of our current administration, with Dr. Nick Dunagan (a UTM alumnus himself) at the helm, and Dr. Tom Rakes as Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. In a day and age when true heroes are few and far between, we can look to one of our own who stood up against an oppressive administration and saved the day. To you, Jim Byford, we say "thank you".

Larry Holder is a 1981 UTM graduate. He is an Database Administrator/IT Administrator II with the Information Technology Services Department.



Elaine Wilson  
Staff  
Columnist

Gulf Coast disaster brings out best, worst

What is this world coming to? How many times have you heard someone say that? Lately, I've been saying that to myself a lot. Or more likely, what is wrong with people?

Like so many others, I've been watching the news coverage of Katrina and how the people of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama are attempting to cope. How anyone can comprehend all that has happened, let alone cope, is beyond me. Many people are in shock still and going through the motions and simply trying to survive. No matter how quickly things come back to some semblance of order, there has been major psychological trauma that will take years to work through.

Given all of that, I can understand some of the looting. People do what they have to in order to survive. It may not be legal, but taking food, milk, and diapers for babies is understandable. Stealing televisions and anything else that can be carted away is not. And neither is the lawlessness that has become prevalent in so many areas.

With all of the chaos and tragedy, the local police are overwhelmed, with 1/3 of the force missing. Some officers fled with their families to safety, others may be dead, and still others have walked off the job. Police precincts have come under attack and been burned out. Gangs of armed robbers are roaming the streets terrorizing people, and sniper fire has become common. Rescuers have been fired upon while trying to save lives and still other workers while trying to set up cell phone towers to re-establish service. I'm ashamed to say it, but here is a perfect example of man's inhumanity to man.

Thankfully, officers from other states, the ATF, and the Military have finally arrived and begun to re-establish law and order, including a makeshift jail in a Greyhound bus terminal.

And although I understand the motive behind it, I think the mayor of New Orleans chose a bad time to offer paid vacations for his officers to Las Vegas. There is just too much work to be done.

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Support Phi Beta Sigma’s ‘When Doves Cry’

Chris Turner  
Guest Columnist

Turmoil, heartache and death.

These are just a few words that come to mind when people think of what is known today as one of the worst national disasters to ever touch U.S. soil.

As a result of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, thousands of citizens of New Orleans, Alabama, and lower Mississippi where left homeless, without clothes, and in some cases without family members.

As a country that believes in “United We Stand, Divided We Fall” America has come together to help aid our country while it is in need. The men of Phi Beta Sigma have begun the “When Doves Cry Hurricane Disaster Relief.”

Items from clothes to bottled water, to monetary donations were accepted. Phi Beta Sigma d president William Riddle said, “‘When Doves Cry’ was something that had to be done, Hurricane Katrina really touched home with a lot of students here at the campus, and immediate action needed to be taken.” Phi Beta Sigma member Durell Wright added, “We have the ‘Wall of Hope’ this wall represents togetherness amongst the students of UTM coming together to help aid those affected by Hurricane Katrina.”

All proceeds from “When Doves Cry Disaster Relief” will be donated to the Weakly County office of the American Red Cross. According to the official American Red Cross website, as of Sept. 11, the American Red Cross has

housed more than 160,000 survivors providing nearly 1.9 million overnight stays in 707 shelters across 24 states and the District of Columbia. The Red Cross, in coordination with the Southern Baptist Convention, has served more than 7.2 million hot meals to more than 6.5 million snacks to survivors of Hurricane Katrina. As of Sept. 10, 2005, it has received \$578 million in gifts and pledges for the hurricane relief effort, of which an estimate \$302 million has been received online.

To learn more about the coordination of efforts among the many organizations and agencies helping hurricane survivors and for additional resources, visit [www.usafreedomcorps.gov](http://www.usafreedomcorps.gov).

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# Cicadas invade Quad, leave songs and exoskeletons behind

Kevin Teets  
Senior Reporter

You won't find information about them in the admissions guide to UTM.

They probably didn't help UTM place so well in the 2006 edition of America's Best Colleges.

But they are certainly making their presence known. Step out in the quad and listen to the many cicadas as they sing in their efforts to attract a mate.

Entomologist and UTM Biology professor Dr. Randy Cate says that our visitors in the quad are called the dog day cicadas. They are a species of cicadas that have a life cycle that usually



The dog day cicada, *Tibicen pruinosus*, appears every summer late in the season. They are characterized by their loud buzzing noise, which is made by the male in order to attract a mate. Cicadas, often confused with locusts, shed their exoskeletons after they sing.

lasts for at least four years.

For about the last month of their life the male cicada can be heard singing its song to the females by vi-

brating a membrane found on its abdomen. But, the cicada has an interesting life cycle that begins well before its time to sing.

According to Cate, after the cicadas mate the female will prepare to deposit her eggs. "The female splits the twigs on trees and bushes and puts her eggs in those twigs," Cate says. In a few days the eggs will hatch and at this point are referred to as a nymph.

The nymph will then tumble to the ground and live under the ground for up to four years as it sucks out the sap from the roots of trees. "They can live up to six feet deep under ground," Cate says. "In the cold of the winter, the cicadas will go down further into the ground."

After living in the ground for nearly four years, the ci-

## Cicada facts

- Cicadas can burrow up to six feet underground.

- Cicadas can produce the loudest noise insects can make.

- Cicadas are edible.

- The male makes a mating call in summer. bury for 17 years.

It will live in its adult form for usually no longer than a month. This is when the males can be heard singing.

Cate says that the dog day cicadas emerge every year in the late summer. There are other species of cicadas such as the 17-year cicada that only emerges after a 17 year life cycle. This cicada is considered to be the longest living insect in the U.S.

Those walking through the quad should enjoy the songs of the dog day cicada while they can. The cicadas are beginning to die off already. When this happens the only song they make is the crunch that one hears underneath their foot.

# SGA kicks off semester with summer recap, hurricane relief, first resolution

Will York  
News Editor

Discussions on housing, summer events and hurricane relief, as well as the second piece of legislation for the 54th General Assembly, topped the Student Government Association Senate meeting Wednesday night.

SGA President James Orr explained the various events SGA undertook during the summer break.

Orr said he met with administrators over the summer to discuss the construction of a possible new student recreation center, which was prompted by

similar discussion last year. Orr said senators will be traveling to Murray State University to look at their facility.

SGA hopes to have the project complete by 2009.

Orr also said he hopes to continue the Presidents' Roundtable started by his predecessor, Dusty Dean. He also hopes SGA will be able to have a permanent place on UTM's new computer portal.

A short-term goal for SGA, said Orr, will be to fund an internship coordinator who would help students in all colleges find internships.

Orr said the travel study fee that passed last spring



has already generated \$55,000 for students who want to travel-study. One hundred fifty scholarships could be given.

Finally, Orr charged the senate to focus on the students.

"Our job is to make sure that we serve the student body," Orr said.

"We have to make sure we are extremely visible and let the students know whatever they hear or read about SGA may not be true."

Director of Housing Earl Wright explained housing delays to the body and told senators that everything is being done to finish the behind-schedule University Villages as soon as possible.

Wright said plans are moving forward to raze McCord and build another new dorm. The new dorms will not be apartments, but

rather of the more "traditional" style.

Senators also pledged to help the campus raise \$30,000 for the American Red Cross to assist in Hurricane Katrina relief.

SGA's first piece of legislation for the semester, brought to the floor from Sen. Jeremy Johnson, Campus Observation Committee chair.

The bill, which passed unanimously in a voice vote, requires that *The Pacer*, UTM's student newspaper, "publish a weekly editorial ... which is to be published without any changes or alterations by the Pacer staff."

Johnson said the bill was necessary for students to receive a "fair, balanced and consistent" report of SGA news.

Senators applauded as the bill passed.

*The Pacer* has challenged the SGA resolution as being a violation of the First Amendment and discussions are ongoing.

SGA also accepted resignations from Sens. Kevin Anderson and Jake Dunavant.

SGA's election commission and executive assistants were sworn in by Chief Justice Erin Young.

# Journal recognizes UTM math instructor for palindromic prime pyramid research

Alys Hill  
Staff Writer

Dr. Chris K. Caldwell, UTM math professor, recently had mathematical research published in the *Journal of Integer Sequences*.

The work was published in the August edition of the online journal and was titled "Determining Mills Constant and a Note on Honaker's Problem."

"I did this research because a mathematician called and wanted to know how I knew that my number for Mills constant was correct. I couldn't give him an answer. I realized that many mathematicians had the same answer that I did, but none of us knew why it was correct. So, I decided to do the research to find out," says Caldwell.

The research stretched from 2002 to 2005. The first step to Caldwell's research was to define prime numbers, which are numbers only divisible by one and themselves. For example, prime factors of 10 are two and five. Mills proved that there is a number  $a$  such that the integer part of  $a$  raised to the  $n$ th power is prime for

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A small palindromic prime pyramid beginning with the number 2 is flanked on the second row by more primes. The pyramid for 2 is 26 rows high.

all integers  $n$ . Caldwell then showed that given the right assumption, that you can calculate  $a$ . He calculated  $a$  to 6,000 decimal places.

Though Caldwell did much of the research himself, he did seek some help from fellow mathematician Yuanyou Cheng.

After doing the research, he submitted the article to the *Journal of Integer Sequences*, where it was reviewed by "referees", asking questions, such as, "It is correct?" and "Is it appropriate for our journal?" The answer was yes.

Currently, Caldwell is working on other research dealing with prime numbers and their distribution. He has had around 20 articles published and one

book published in Japanese titled *The Encyclopedia of Prime Numbers*. He also has created over 5,000 websites dealing with the same material.

A palindrome is a word or a number that reads the same in both directions, such as the word "mom." Palindromic prime pyramids meet both criteria.

A palindromic prime pyramid uses the number above it as the base for the row below it.

The idea of studying palindromic prime pyramids began with research by G.L. Honaker in Bristol, Va.

Currently, both Caldwell and Honaker are working to build the pyramids higher.

Caldwell enjoys his position here at UTM. He says that the most fulfilling thing about his job is when students achieve, what math teachers call the "aha moment."

"It's that moment when the light bulb seems to finally go off, and they get it. That's what I love," says Caldwell.

Caldwell received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Berkeley in algebraic number theory.

# Phi Sig hosts Katrina benefit concert

Kevin Teets  
Senior Reporter

They perform for fun and for entertainment. But on Friday night their performances took on a new meaning. Two punk rock bands primarily of UTM students eagerly took part in a benefit concert at the Phi Sigma Kappa Fraternity house to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Phi Sig President Josh Davis says he and his fraternity wanted to find a way to do their part in assisting those displaced by the disaster. "We see efforts from other places and we wanted to do something ourselves to help out and do what we could for the victims of the hurricane," Davis said.

Getting bands to play at the fraternity house was a feat that was somewhat

easy for Davis. He is one of the vocalists in a local band called Makeshift. Others in the band are vocalist Shawn Graham, guitarist Eli Ellis, drummer Richard Henson and a bassist by the name of Cno.

"Our band has been together for about three months now," Davis said. "Having the band together was kind of like a pipe dream for us. We sounded good, so we decided to run with it."

Makeshift entertained the audience by playing their rendition of "Rocky Top" and covers from bands such as Green Day and Blink-182. The entertainment for the second half of the night was provided by another local band called Jeffers Set.

Drummer Ryan Aston says that Jeffers Set has been together for two years

and that they have played at places in Martin such as The Stable. Aston is joined by other band members including guitarist Stephen Allbritten, guitarist Garrett Soust, bassist T.J. Evans and vocalist Tim Allen.

With the two bands performing, Phi Sig was able to raise \$500 in donations to be used for hurricane relief. The fraternity also collected more than six cases of food and two cases of water. "We are thankful to all of those who came out and donated, including members of other fraternities," Davis said.

Thanks to their efforts, the members of Phi Sig will know that they have done something to help out the millions who have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina.

# ZPhiB alumni chapter to charter Saturday

Staff Reports

At last, both current members and new inductees of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Inc.'s UTM Upsilon Gamma Zeta Chapter, are proudly announcing their official chartering.

The chartering ceremony and dinner for ZPhiB's UTM alumni chapter is to be held at 2 p.m. this Saturday.

ZPhiB will be kicking off the weekend by collecting donations to support Hurricane Katrina relief efforts at the UTM football game against Tennes-

see State.

"The chartering ceremony is only the beginning," said Tierney Armour of ZPhiB.

"They are pursuing nothing less than excellence," she said.

The Upsilon Gamma Zeta chapter will be guided by ZPhiB's main objective, which is to expand membership and maintain the integrity of the sorority's chapters.

The new chapter already has several events planned for the fall, including taking part in Homecoming activities, a winter coat drive and a food drive.



# Bulletin Board

The Pacer provides this space free of charge to campus clubs and organizations that wish to promote events or offerings. Items to appear in The Pacer's "Campus Bulletin Board" section must be submitted at least a week ahead of the event, either by e-mail to pacer\_news@utm.edu or by dropping off a flier and press release to 314 Gooch Hall. Preference is given by event date closest to printing and by order received. Please note that submission does not necessarily guarantee printing. Call (731) 881-7780 for more information.

## English Society picnic

The annual English Society picnic will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. this Wednesday in Dr. Charles Bradshaw's back yard. All interested students and friends are invited. Food is free. Dr. Bradshaw's house is at 602 Lee St., across the street from Student Health and next to the SigEp house. In case of rain, meet in Humanities 209.

## SAACS benefit

UTM's chapter of the Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society will be holding a benefit dinner at 7 p.m. Thursday in EPS 204. SAACS will provide pizza and a chemistry "magic show."

Additionally, students can get their calculators engraved with their names. Donations will benefit campus-wide Hurricane Katrina relief funds.

## ASVAB administration

The Armed Services Vocational Aptitude Battery will be given at 6 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19 in the Gooch Auditorium. Call Career Servcies at 7720 for more info.

## Tennessee General Assembly internships

Juniors, seniors and graduate students interested in serving on Capitol Hill in Spring 2006 should contact Ted Mosch in Business

Administration 225 for more information. Students must have a 3.0 minimum GPA, and there is a stipend of \$7,000 in addition to earning 12 hours of credit.

## WUTM logo contest

UTM's student radio station, WUTM FM 90.3 "The Hawk" is looking for a new logo. The station is accepting contest submissions until Sept. 30. The logo must include the call letters and the nickname, "The Hawk." The winner will win \$100. Contact Kristen Crocker at 7095 for more information.

## Lotto: Continued from Cover

after attending a school outside the state. Students are allowed to transfer back and receive the scholarship as long as they achieved the mandatory GPA at the credit hour checkpoints and remained continuously enrolled.

Non-traditional students 25 years of age or older and with an adjusted gross income of less than \$36,000 who have lived in-state for at least a year are eligible for the maximum Tennessee Lottery Scholarship of \$3,300 if they maintain the requirements.

The HOPE Foster Care grant applies to students who were in-state foster care for at least one year after 14 years of age. This scholarship will cover the total cost of the tuition and fees at a public postsecondary institution.

For high school seniors, two changes were made over the summer.

The Tennessee Lottery Scholarship allows high school seniors to take 16 months off instead of six.

High school students can also receive a Dual-Enrollment grant for high school dual-credit classes. High school students must maintain a 2.75 GPA in dual enrollment courses. However, hours attempted and earned will have no impact on HOPE eligibility.

The state will pay up to \$300 for dual credit classes. Students will receive a fee waiver to turn in, said Box.

In students' Lottery GPA, classes dropped after the drop/add period count. The Lottery GPA also does not include high school dual-credit courses.



# Freshman Studies revamped, changes include letter grades

**Kenetra Robertson**  
*Staff Writer*

Every fall before classes begin, incoming freshmen are urged to attend Freshmen Welcome Week at UTM.

During this week freshmen are able to familiarize themselves with the campus and also begin to take their very first college course: Freshmen Studies.

Although Freshmen Studies has not been a required course, professors urged students to take this class as an elective. In the past, Freshmen Studies has been offered as a Pass/Fail course. The class did not calculate into any student's grade point average.

This school year is the first year this course is being offered as an A-F course and will calculate into students' GPA's. The decision to change the curriculum of the course was made last spring by members of the Faculty Senate.

Dr. George Daniel, director of the Student Success Center, answered many questions about how the new Freshmen Studies Class would work for freshmen.

"Historically, the class met some hours during Freshman Welcome Week and one hour per week during various parts of the first semester. In 2005 Fall Semester, GENS 101 is meeting two credit hours per week for the entire semester and is graded A-F," Daniel said.

The format of the class has also undergone some changes. In the past students did not need a textbook or study materials for freshmen studies, but now some changes have been made.

The 2005 fall semester curriculum for GENS 101 is *On Course: Strategies for Creating Success in College and Life*. The course curriculum and text covers, "choices of successful students which include: accepting personal responsibility, discovering self-motivation, mastering self-management, employing interdependence, gaining self-awareness, adopting lifelong learning, developing emotional intelligence and belief in themselves."

"Faculty mentors use the text and curriculum to design the course to fit the needs of students in their particular section of the course," Daniels said. The instructor will make the overall rules of the class.

If a student has already taken Freshmen Studies, the Pass/Fail grade will stand unless they retake the course to receive a letter grade. Daniels also said that GENS 101 has two components during the 2005 fall semester; a large group meeting of all sections in an academic college or group convenes once per week with a College/Group Leader and counts 30 percent of the grade. Additionally, a small group meets once per week with a faculty mentor counts 70 percent of the grade.

In the past students' majors decided which instructor they had for Freshmen Studies, and that will not change.

"Faculty mentors are primarily volunteers who indicate they wish to lead a section, they may be on a rotating teaching schedule within an academic department, or assigned by a department chair or dean."



Nearly a week of sorority recruitment ended Monday afternoon. This fall's rush class ran from the Administration Building with their bid cards to meet their new sisters grouped in the Quad.

MATTHEW MAXEY / The Pacer



## Police Report

The information contained in this report is taken directly from public records distributed by the UTM Department of Public Safety. DPS can be contacted by calling (731) 881-7777.

10:44 a.m. Sept. 6  
Lot 1 - Stadium

Traffic accident involving two vehicles. Report on file.

1:18 p.m. Sept. 6  
R.O.T.C. Building

Fire alarm sounding in the ROTC Building. Officers and FD responded. Determined to be a false alarm. System re-set.

8:30 a.m. Sept. 7

Boling University Center

Report of the theft of some computer equipment. Investigation continues.

8:52 a.m. Sept. 7

Lot 14 - Heat Plant

David Maddox was issued a citation for violation of the noise ordinance and a stop sign violation.

1:32 p.m. Sept. 7

University Courts

Reported a hit and run accident involving two vehicles. Investigation continues.

7:55 a.m. Sept. 8

Mt. Pelia Road

Bradford Jones was issued a citation for a crosswalk violation.

1:04 p.m. Sept. 8

Lot 1 - Stadium

Traffic accident involving two vehicles. Report on file.

2:12 p.m. Sept. 8

Off Campus - North

Traffic accident involving two vehicles. Report on file.

2:45 p.m. Sept. 8

Administration Building

Subject reported a possible offense which occurred off campus. Referred to MPD.

11:35 p.m. Sept. 8

Gooch Hall

Subject reported to be having severe stomach pains. Treated at the scene by EMS. Refused transport to the hospital.

9:02 a.m. Sept. 9

University Street

John Roland was issued a citation for an expired license plate (City Court).

9:13 a.m. Sept. 9

Lovelace Street

Jessica White was issued a citation for an expired license plate (City

Court).

10:04 a.m. Sept. 9

Engineering-Physical Science

Report of the theft of some equipment. Investigation continues.

12:43 p.m. Sept. 9

Off Campus - North

Prentice Worley was issued a citation for a seat belt violation (City Court).

1:55 a.m. Sept. 11

Cooper Hall

Report of suspicious activity in the courtyard area. Investigation continues.

9:16 p.m. Sept. 11

University Courts

Report of dumpster fire. MFD responded and extinguished it. Cause not determined.

12:25 a.m. Sept. 12

McCord Hall

William Taylor was arrested for Possession of a Schedule VI controlled substance (marijuana) with intent to resell and possession of drug paraphernalia (Gen. Sessions Court).

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## Soybeans invade Martin



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Country singer Craig Morgan entertains the crowd at this year's Soybean Festival

### Morgan brings the country to town

Rebecca McClure

Asst. Arts &amp; Entertainment Editor

Country music fans enjoyed a real treat Saturday night at the Soybean festival as John Stone and Craig Morgan gave a high-energy performance in celebration of country life.

Stone, a rising country artist from Alabama, gained fame for appearing on the TV show "Nashville Star" where he finished the competition in the top 25. He opened with several songs from his debut album, *Meet John Stone*, including his hit "Hell and Half of Georgia". As he danced across the stage and sang out to a group of squealing girls near the stage, the rowdy country boy attitude he exuded set the stage perfectly for Craig Morgan.

Morgan's show was full of energy, with the contagiously light-hearted attitude of Morgan himself coming across in every song. From climbing the stage scaffolding to doing humorous impressions of Bob Dylan and Brad Paisley, it was clear that Morgan was having a good time and leading the audience to do the same. He also put forth a down-to-earth, "plain folks" impression as he spent several minutes mingling with audience members and danced with his

wife on stage.

Originally from Dickson, Tenn., Morgan spent 10 years in the military before beginning his country music career. Later, he gained fame in Nashville as a prolific songwriter, and he went on to release his self-titled debut album in 2000. Since then, he has released two other albums, *I Love It* and *My Kind of Livin'*. These include hits such as "Almost Home", "That's What I Love About Sunday", and "Redneck Yacht Club", which continues to be strong on the country charts.

Morgan chooses to focus on positive themes in his lyrics and is famed for his vivid imagery that celebrates life in the country. Even the most ordinary and simple aspects of life, including those that are often looked down upon by those outside the country music culture, are unabashedly depicted as part of a treasured heritage. "The point I try to make is that the mundane things aren't so mundane after all," Morgan says on his website. "The simple things like being on a boat with your buddies, or sitting on a porch after church on Sunday aren't always a part of everybody's life, because we're all in such a big rush. But they are a part of who we are."



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Shenandoah performs some of their biggest hits on Thursday night

### Shenandoah shows crowd a good time

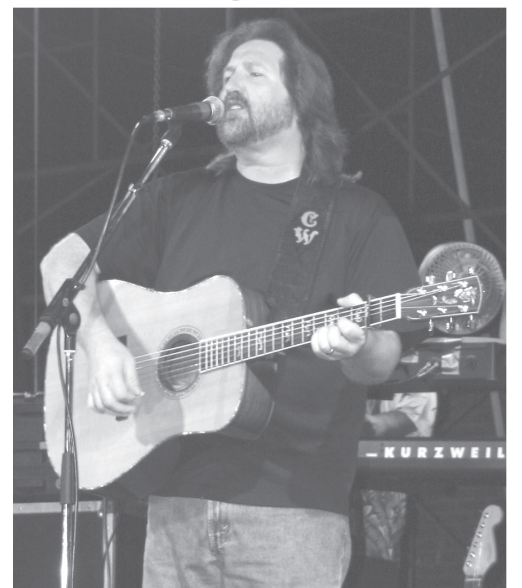
Kenetra Robertson

Staff Writer

The streets of downtown Martin were filled with laughter, games and music this past week as the Soybean Festival made its way back into town. On opening night Festival goers were in for a special treat as country music pioneers Shenandoah took the stage.

The Grammy Award-winning band performed many of their chart-topping hits such as: "Next to you Next to Me", "If Bubba Can Dance (I Can Too)", "The Moon over Georgia", and "Ghost in this House". They also played their Grammy Award-winning single "Somewhere in the Vicinity of the Heart". This song is a duet and was originally sung with members of Shenandoah and Alison Krauss. This ballad was a special treat for the audience because the band performed it with a new artist, Carly. Shenandoah was a very popular group back in the '80's. The group consists of vocalist Marty Raybon, guitarist Jim Seales, keyboard player Stan Thorn, bassist Ralph Ezell, and drummer Mike McGuire. The band had several number one hits throughout the '80's, but hit a downfall in the early '90's. The last time they released an album was in 2000. In between songs, the band announced that they would be coming out with another album soon.

As their music filled the air they grabbed the attention of every person out in the crowd. People young and old began to dance and sing along with the band. Children began to imitate the band as they cre-



MATT MAXEY/The Pacer

ated their own air guitars. Martin native Ron Guy said, "I think that this is one of the best groups that they have had since the festival started booking live performances." With every note that was played the crowd danced and clapped more and more.

The artists even showcased their comical side as they lightened the mood when Hurricane Katrina was brought up. They urged the crowd to give whatever they could to help the evacuees and their families. They also added if they had any money left over it could be donated to filling up their bus so they could get back home.

## Holy box office, Batman!

### Comic culture invades cinema

James Baker

Entertainment Writer

Unless you've been living in a cave for the past few years, then you have probably picked up on the recent trend of comic adaptations for the silver screen. The *Fantastic Four*, *The Punisher*, and *Sin City* are just a few of the latest movies to come out based on popular comic books. So more than likely, you have been asking your self, "What's with all the comic book movies?" Basically, there are three main reasons that comics are the latest fad for tinsel town. The first of those reasons will be covered in this article.

The video game industry pulls in billions of dollars each year rivaling other industries such as the movie industry. All of this spending on video games has made 16-24 males the most coveted market demographic. This in turn has led market researchers to look for other interests of 16-24 males, one of those interests just happens to be comic books.

It all started with the release of the PlayStation during the nineties. Sony made a bold and wise move by changing the entire marketing strategy of video games by trying to appeal more to 18-19-year-olds. Thus video games moved away from being just games to being a serious form of entertainment intended more for mature audiences. Sony's gamble worked and they dominated the industry.

With video games at the front of everyone's mind and living room it was cool to be "nerdy." Songs and videos featuring such themes as the nerd getting the girl and nice guys winning are ever more popular.

In the early nineties, music was all beginning to sound very similar, like pop. A sort of garage band anti-music started called grunge. It was intended to be so against everything that pop stood for as to never be assimilated. Well, surprise, surprise it was. Today, the same thing is happening with Emo music, video games and the nerdiest-of-nerdy, the most

anti-mainstream thing once thought only to be for kids who lived in their parents' basement; comic books have been assimilated as well.

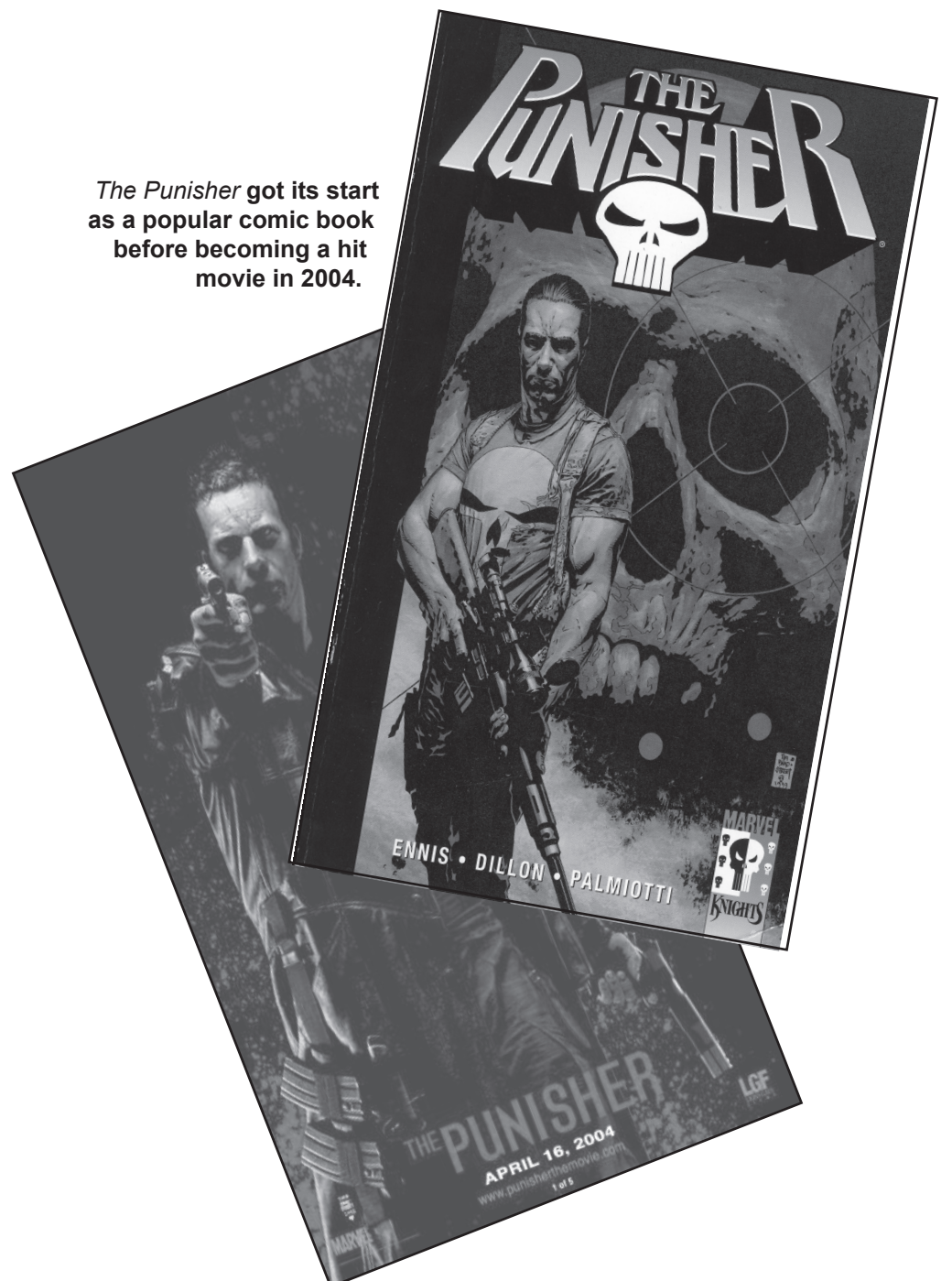
And while comic fans everywhere should be appalled by all of the terrible movies being made about their favorite illustrated publications, they're not. The (figurative) death of their own little counter-culture niche comes not with a fight but to the sound of applause. Welcome to the machine.

But all is not lost; there are still plenty of great comics being made. Not to mention, not all comic-to-movie conversions turn out as bad as *Constantine*. Perhaps it is a good thing that pop-culture is becoming more accepting of things once thought to be un-cool.

Maybe one day it will be truly cool to live in your parents' basement, read comics and play Halo all day long.

A little dreaming never killed anyone.

*The Punisher* got its start as a popular comic book before becoming a hit movie in 2004.





# Martin locals enjoy grand opening of Soybean Festival

**Bessie Cherry**  
*Staff Writer*

Martin, Tennessee’s annual Soybean Festival has always drawn a crowd and this year was no exception. The Grand Opening of the 2005 Soybean Festival began at 5 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 8th. Martin locals and neighboring townspeople gathered for a variety of new entertainment including bargain shopping, carnival rides and games, competitions, live music and tasty foods.

Vendors from near and far set up shop in the middle of S. Lindell St. to sell and advertise their products.

Some of the more crafty products were the wooden ink pens, jewelry, purses, ceramics, sun catchers and dream catchers—all hand-made. New booths this year included Stationary, Photography and Embroidery, The Pampered Chef, Name Brand Sunglasses for Less, The Jewelry Zone, Wooden Pens and More, Barbara’s Purses, and S&H Sales.

Many vendors attended the festival for the sole purpose of fundraising. The Charity Alliance Association collected money to aid in the relief efforts of the recent hurricane victims.

A local massage therapist, Jean Williams, also raised money for the hurricane victims by setting up shop at the top of La Cabana and donating all of the proceeds to the Red Cross. One vendor, a cancer survivor and published author, sold copies of her newest book and donated all proceeds to St. Jude Children’s Research hospital. Agape House, the local Martin pro-life center, sponsored the “Prettiest Little Bean Sprout” competition to educate the community on abortion alternatives. The Citizens Police Academy hosted a

fundraiser to help aid in the education of future police officers. Martin Middle School sold chances to win an ATV Chuck wagon to raise money for their cheerleaders. And the Carl Perkins Center for child abuse attended the festival for the purposes of outreach and awareness.

Aside from toys and endless novelties, the children of Martin enjoyed a ventriloquist show, carnival rides, games and various competitions. Everyone enjoyed such tasty treats as Sodexo catered barbecue.



**MATT MAXEY/ The Pacer**  
**The Distraxshuns were just one of the many groups to perform at the Soybean Festival.**

# UTM student turns pain into poetry

**Theresa Oliver**  
*Copy Editor*

Despite enduring many personal trials, senior Communications major Carin Malone has become an inspiration to others in the pages of her first book *Beneath the Shadow of My Wings*, a book of chaos poetry offering a message of hope.

Malone will introduce her newly published book to the campus community at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 20 in Watkins Auditorium in the University Center and will be hosting a book signing from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. and from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Sept. 21 in the University Book Store.

Malone said that the word “inspiration” is a word that others have used to describe her poetry. Malone calls it chaos poetry as the poems in the book are not listed in any particular order. All of the poems except for one were written while in attendance at UTM, then

compiled within the contents of *Beneath the Shadow of My Wings* within the course of one year. Malone published her book with Trafford Publishing, a self publishing company.

“I have two choices,” said Malone, “I can limit my successes and fail or I can limit my failures and succeed. I just want the chance.” For Malone, failure is not an option. She believes that God has a purpose for her life.

Malone is donating ten percent of the earnings from her sales at the book signing to the hurricane relief fund to help the victims of Hurricane Katrina.

“Live and learn, then learn to live,” is the advice that Malone would like to give to others. Malone refuses to be the same as others and admits that she has a better understanding of life because of the trials that she has endured. “Somebody always has it worse than I do. I’m thankful to be this person, no matter how

hurtful it has been,” said Malone. “I just want to be an inspiration to others.”

Malone said that writing has always been her creative outlet and, before she began writing inspirational poetry, she asked God to give her the gift. “I loved poems and I would pray to God to bless me with the talent to write my own poems, in my own style and with its own meaning,” said Malone.

“There will never be an iceberg big enough to wreck you as long as you keep God first in everything you do,” said Malone in a final message to her readers.

To reserve a copy of her book *Beneath the Shadow of My Wings*, prior to the book signing, call (731) 514-4874. The book will sell for \$12.

As for herself, Malone said, “I’ve been inhaling for so long, but now I am at an exhale stage and it feels good. It feels real good.”

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## Volleyball looks to improve under first year head coach

**Brad Hurt**

Assistant Sports Editor

The beginning of a new semester at UTM always brings new experiences, but for the Skyhawk volleyball team, this semester marks the beginning of a new era under first-year head coach Amy Draper.

Draper assumes the Skyhawks' head coaching position after leading the program at West Georgia University for the last three years. She replaces Chris Rushing, who left Martin to become the head coach at East Carolina University.

West Georgia improved dramatically during Draper's tenure, going from a 2-32 record to a 24-9 mark in just two years.

"Amy brings a very positive energy to the program that is very evident when you watch her interact with the team," said Danelle Fabianich, assistant athletics director for women and senior woman administrator. "They are responding very well to her coaching style, and I am sure we will see great things coming from this team in the near future."

Draper enters a program that is only three years removed from its last NCAA tournament appearance. Working to her

advantage is her roster, which includes five returning players, led by senior Rebecca Palmer.

Along with the coach come three transfer players from West Georgia. Libero Anna Gautreau, middle Sarah Jett, and setter Morgan Kilpatrick, all sophomores, are making the transition to a new university.

Overall, the roster is young and loaded with underclassmen, including five freshmen and seven sophomores. Palmer is the only senior on the squad, while libero Tammy Konitzer is the lone junior.

The team returns several key players from last year's squad, which finished 10-17 overall and 7-9 in the OVC, good for a seventh-place tie. Sophomores Dimphy

Sasse and Kathryn Sprague made great contributions on the court as freshmen during the 2004 season, racking up 186 and 183 kills respectively.

Jamie Hollins led all returning players with 219 kills last year.

The team will face a daunting challenge in their schedule this season as they opened the season with four tournaments at Ohio University, Memphis, and Middle Tennessee State.

Coach Draper sees those competitions as a key element in the growth of her team. "I think it will help us get ready for conference. Our focus has to be to compete within our conference. We won't be able to do that unless we go outside the conference to play some pretty intense volley-

ball."

By focusing on their conference, the Skyhawks will try to earn a berth in the OVC tournament for the first time since 2002.

"We would like to get to the conference tournament," Draper said. "If we do that, I will feel that we have made a move in the right direction. That's the first step, and from there we have to continue to build."

However, Draper recognizes the challenge of coaching a young team.

"There is a lot of youth out there, and you have to be patient and realistic with your expectations. You can't expect too much too soon," she said.

One thing you can expect from the team, however, is a great effort every night as they represent the university on the volleyball court in a quest for the OVC championship.

The quest brings them home tonight for the first time as they play host to Lipscomb University at 7 p.m. in the Skyhawk Fieldhouse. The Skyhawks will then travel to Murfreesboro this weekend for another tournament at MTSU. UTM will open up its conference play at home at 7 p.m. on Sept. 23 against Southeast Missouri State.

### 2005 Results

(as of 9/12/05)

|                          |       |
|--------------------------|-------|
| UTM vs. Idaho            | L 0-3 |
| UTM vs. Ohio             | L 0-3 |
| UTM vs. WVU              | L 0-3 |
| UTM vs. Ala. A&M         | L 0-3 |
| UTM vs. Ark.-Little Rock | L 0-3 |
| UTM vs. Memphis          | L 0-3 |

### 2005 Results (cont.)

(as of 9/12/05)

|                         |       |
|-------------------------|-------|
| UTM vs. Ark.-Pine Bluff | W 0-3 |
| UTM vs. Ark. State      | L 2-3 |
| UTM vs. McNeese State   | L 1-3 |
| UTM vs. Tenn. Tech      | L 0-3 |
| UTM vs. Middle Tenn.    | L 0-3 |
| UTM vs. IUPUI           | L 1-3 |

## 2005 Ohio Valley Conference Opponent Previews



First year head coach Corey Carlin will look to many of his nine veteran Lady Governors and four newcomers as they hope to climb back atop the OVC. Junior middle hitter Laura Wussow who was named to the preseason All-OVC second team will look to help APSU improve on last year's record of 15-16 overall.

Oct. 1  
Martin, Tenn.

- Location: Clarksville, Tenn.
- Mascot: Lady Governors
- 2004 Overall Record: 15-16
- 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 9-7, T-4th
- Preseason OVC pick: 5th
- The last meeting saw APSU winning, 2-3.



Oct. 20  
Murray, Ky.  
Nov. 10  
Martin, Tenn.

MSU's squad was split after the 2004 season, returning three starters and losing three starters. Junior middle Katie Kemezys and her three fellow junior teammates Allie Hunt, Holly Jansen, and Julie Lashley will have to shoulder the leadership role for the senior-less Racers. The young team has six freshman and one sophomore making up the 2005 squad.

- Location: Murray, Ky.
- Mascot: Racers
- 2004 Overall Record: 6-17
- 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 3-13/ T-9th
- Preseason OVC pick: 10th
- The last meeting saw UTM winning 3-0.



Sept. 24  
Martin, Tenn.  
Oct. 14  
Charleston, Ill.

First year head coach Lori Bennett will lead the 2004 defending regular season co-champions into this season with a veteran squad returning ten players from last year's team. She has also added four newcomers as well. The Panthers are off to a rough start thus far in 2005 compiling only a 2-3 record, as they prepare for OVC action.

- Location: Charleston, Ill.
- Mascot: Panthers
- 2004 Overall Record: 25-6
- 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 15-1/ T-1st
- Preseason OVC pick: 3rd
- The last meeting saw EIU winning, 0-3.



Nov. 5  
Birmingham, Ala.

Samford head coach Michelle Durban returns four starters to her squad as they look to improve on last year's 5-21 season. The six Bulldog newcomers will look to the leadership of senior hitter and blocker Courtney Keen along with junior setter Abby Sites who led the team in assists (556) and was third in aces (23).

- Location: Birmingham, Ala.
- Mascot: Bulldogs
- 2004 Overall Record: 5-21
- 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 3-13/ T-9th
- Preseason OVC pick: 9th
- The last meeting saw SAM winning, 3-1.



Oct. 7  
Richmond, Ky.  
Oct. 29  
Martin, Tenn.

Defending tournament champs, EKU returns a veteran team led by seniors Liz Guard and Libby Schleisman. The Lady Colonels only lost one senior to graduation last year, so they are poised to make another run for the title. Schleisman was 18th nationally last year for hitting percentage. Last year's OVC Defensive Player of the Year Brittany Nobilio will also see extensive play on the court.

- Location: Richmond, Ky.
- Mascot: Colonels
- 2004 Overall Record: 27-5
- 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 15-1/ T-1st
- Preseason OVC pick: 1st
- The last meeting saw EKU winning, 0-3.



Sept. 23  
Martin, Tenn.  
Oct. 15  
Cape Girardeau, Mo.

SEMO returns six starters to the court after only losing one to graduation. Look for Jessica Koeper, last year's Second Team All-OVC outside hitter, to lead the Redhawks to a better performance than last year's 11-17 finish. With only two seniors on the squad, however, SEMO will continue its rebuilding through this year under the direction of Coach Renata Nowacki.

- Location: Cape Girardeau, Mo.
- Mascot: Redhawks
- 2004 Overall Record: 11-17
- 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 9-7/ T-4th
- Preseason OVC pick: 4th
- The last meeting saw UTM winning 3-1.



Nov. 1  
Martin, Tenn.

JSU returns all seven starters from 2004's third place team. The Gamecocks will look to these seven, along with five other returning letterwinners to lead the team up in the OVC standings. Coming back is Shari Weyer, who lead the team in kills (417) and finished second in points with 476.5, and Abbey Breit, who lead the team in total points with 477.5.

- Location: Jacksonville, Ala.
- Mascot: Gamecocks
- 2004 Overall Record: 21-9
- 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 10-6/ 3rd
- Preseason OVC pick: 2nd
- The last meeting saw JSU winning, 1-3.



Sept. 30  
Martin, Tenn.  
Nov. 12  
Nashville, Tenn.

TSU is returning most of its starters, losing two of the six for 2005. The Tigers will be looking to its 10 newcomers to help them climb out of the last spot in the OVC, where they finished last year. Returning for TSU are Katrell Armwood, Kelly Davis, Allyson Buckner, Kelly Lowe, and Ashley Douglas.

- Location: Nashville, Tenn.
- Mascot: Tigers
- 2004 Overall Record: 5-27
- 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 2-14/11th
- Preseason OVC pick: 11th
- The last meeting saw TSU winning, 3-1.



Oct. 8  
Morehead, Ky.  
Oct. 28  
Martin, Tenn.

The Eagles look to improve from last year under the leadership of the lone senior, Jennie Burell. Joining her are four juniors Megan Buck, Laura Cox, Johanna Thompson and Diana Zipp. Zipp is the top returning offensive player for Morehead and one of the top attackers in the OVC as she was named preseason second-team all-OVC.

- Location: Morehead, Ky.
- Mascot: Eagles
- 2004 Overall Record: 9-20
- 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 8-8/ 6th
- Preseason OVC pick: 6th
- The last meeting saw UTM winning, 3-1.



Oct. 21  
Martin, Tenn.

Tech looks to improve on last year's admittedly abysmal 12-16 record by adding nine newcomers, six of which are true freshmen. The Eagles' freshmen bring true talent from high school play, but that talent doesn't always translate directly to on-court success. Look for senior Anne Morrow, who averaged 3.5 kills per game last year, to lead this year's team.

- Location: Cookeville, Tenn.
- Mascot: Golden Eagles
- 2004 Overall Record: 12-16
- 2004 OVC Record/Finish: 7-9/ T-7th
- Preseason OVC pick: 7th
- The last meeting saw UTM winning, 3-0.



# Soccer sings blues in Memphis, dominates at Skyhawk Invitational

Matthew Maxey  
Staff Photographer

The Skyhawk women's soccer team dropped a difficult game to the Memphis Tigers of Conference USA on Wednesday night, 3-0.

The bigger Tigers struck early with a goal in the 12th minute of the match, only to follow with two more first half goals that came merely 15 seconds apart.

The Skyhawks tightened up the defense in the second half, holding the Tigers scoreless, but the effort wasn't enough. The Memphis defenders were able to contain the Skyhawk offense, limiting them to only three shots on goal for the match.

"We played a good game," Head coach Nathan Pifer said of the effort and "[Memphis] did a good job of containing our offense."

Pifer also said that the Skyhawks

would look to "play better and get the offense going better at the beginning of games."

As the Skyhawks welcomed South Alabama, Arkansas Little-Rock and Murray State to campus this weekend as part of the Puma Skyhawk Invitational they took to heart the words of their coach.

In both weekend matches for the Skyhawks they struck early and often en rout to back-to-back wins and their first Skyhawk Invitational Championship. UTM finished the tournament with six goals over the two games all by different players.

The first opponent for the Skyhawks were the Jaguars of South Alabama who UTM downed 3-2 and scored their first goal against only eight minutes into the match. Senior forward Dani Myrick netted her first goal of the season off an assist

from defender Jamie Price. The Skyhawks added two second half goals from Paula Sanematsu and Kindal Keim who was assisted by Katie Berhens. The Skyhawks finished the match out shooting the Jaguars 25-8.

In the Skyhawks second game of the Invitational they overpowered the Trojans of Arkansas-Little Rock 3-0. The final outcome of this game was not indicative of the Skyhawks pure domination, as they also had three near goals make it past the goalkeeper only to clank off the post.

UTM's first goal of the afternoon came early when junior Jamie Ohlheiser netted her third goal of the season off an assist from Sarah Bedell. UTM added a second goal when the Trojans committed a foul inside the penalty box, allowing senior Lindsey Tilk to line up for a penalty kick which she netted.

The goal was Tilk's first of her career.

The Skyhawks added a third goal late in the match as midfielder Katie Berhens collected her second assist of the tournament on a pass to freshman Jody Keirs who netted her second goal of the season. In the effort, goalkeeper Megan Dempsey also collected her third shutout of the season.

Coach Pifer said of the winning the tournament that "we accomplished our goals" and he is "very proud of the girl's effort." "It feels good to collect a championship after finishing second in years past."

The Skyhawks will now look forward to their next match when they will welcome the Belmont Bruins to Skyhawk Field on Friday, Sept. 16, at 4 p.m.

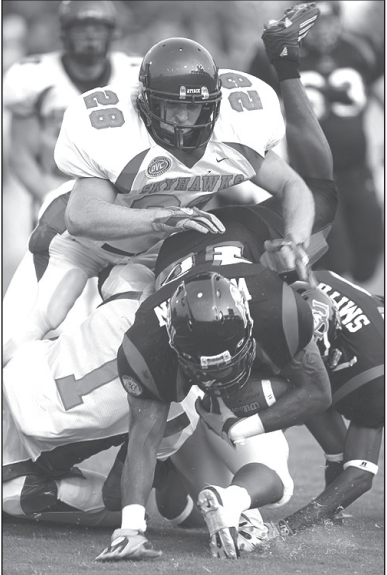
UTM defeated the Bruins 2-1 in last year's match up.



MATTHEW MAXEY/The Pacer

Sophomore midfielder Katie Berhens had two assists in the Skyhawk's weekend games helping them capture their first Puma Skyhawk Invitational Championship.

## Football fumbles road opener to ASU Indians



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Linebacker Wade Peters and cornerback Jason Coleman tackle the Arkansas State offensive players during Saturday night's game.

The Skyhawk football team's winning streak was limited to one game Saturday night when UTM suffered a 56-7 loss to Arkansas State.

ASU's defense held UTM to just 231 total offensive yards. The Indians managed to limit star tailback Donald Chapman to only 58 yards, 83 less than in the season opener against Central Arkansas. Behind him was Josh Chapman, who added 46 yards on 12 carries.

Quarterback Brady Wahlberg went 8-of-14 in passing attempts for 103 yards and only picked up 17 yards rushing.

The Skyhawks' lone touchdown came with 14:37 remaining in the game when tailback Justin Glover capped off a nine-play, 82-yard drive with a 5-yard TD run.

Redshirt freshman Adam Ivy saw plenty of action, punting eight times for a total of 335 yards. Ivey averaged 41.9 yards per punt with the longest kick going for 48.

Defensively, rover Jack Greenwood led the team in tackles with eight. Behind him, each with seven, were linebacker David Gilmore, free safety Kevin Rondo and linebacker Jason Hockaday.

Greenwood, Gilmore, Hockaday and linebacker Adrian Pruitt each picked up a sack on the night.

The Skyhawks look to go back above .500 when they take on conference-rival Tennessee State next Saturday. The OVC opener for each school is scheduled to kick-off at noon on Saturday at Graham Stadium.

Last year, TSU defeated UTM 27-13 in Martin.

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## SKYHAWK OF THE WEEK

Skyhawk senior and co-capatain Lindsey Tilk netted her first career goal during Sunday's match against Arkansas-Little Rock. The goal came on a penalty kick at the 41:08 mark of the first half.

Tilk who is known best for her strong defensive presence along with leadership on and off the field, adds the goal to her offensive stats to go complement her two career assists.

Tilk is a four year starter for the Skyhawks and has served as team captain for three of those seasons.



Matthew Maxey

Senior Lindsey Tilk in action Sunday afternoon against Arkansas-Little Rock.

### Correction:

In the Sept. 6, 2005 issue of *The Pacer*, two Skyhawk football players were listed playing incorrect positions. David Gilmore was mentioned playing defensive end where he actually plays the position of linebacker. Craig Worthen was listed as playing saftey but is a defensive end. *The Pacer* regrets these errors and apologizes for any inconvenience that they might have caused.

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